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1. In August 1950, the Soviets ordered a registration of all freight cars in the Soviet Zone of Germany usable for military purposes. The count revealed the following picture as to the rolling stock available there:

19,198 boxcars  
48,557 gondola cars  
8,650 flatcars with side boards  
358 heavy-duty flatcars ) particularly suited for the  
59 well wagons ) shipment of tanks  
5,066 flatcars with side racks  
11,141 tank cars  
Total: 93,529 freight cars.

2. This tabulation includes all freight cars owned by the German State Railroads which were in the Soviet Zone of Germany on the day of the count. Only those cars were registered which can be used for military purposes. Covered cars used for the shipment of lime, track maintenance cars, and cars awaiting repair were not counted. The result of the tabulation was transmitted to the Soviets without delay. \*

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- \* Comment. The scheduled registration of freight cars in mid-July 1950 resulted in a total of 106,475 units, of which 14,460 were damaged. The results of the July and August counts thus roughly agree with each other.
- 11,734 railroad tank cars, of which 1,100 were unserviceable, were available in the zone in mid-August 1950.
- As to heavy-duty flatcars and well wagons, there were 1,025 serviceable and 446 damaged cars of this category.
- The total of 917 cars (358 heavy-duty flatcars and 59 well wagons) in the present report is therefore believed to be correct.

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